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Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable DEBBIE STABENOW, a Senator from the State of Michigan.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, on this day designated by Congress to be a Day of Reconciliation, we confess anything which stands between us and You and between us and anyone else. We long to be in a right relationship with You again. We know the love, joy, and peace that floods our being when we are reconciled with You. We become riverbeds for the flow of the supernatural gifts of leadership: wisdom, knowledge, discernment, vision, and authentic charisma. We confess our pride that estranges us from You and our judgmentalism that strains our relationships. Forgive our cutting words and hurting attitudes toward other religions or races and people with different beliefs, political preferences, or convictions on issues. So often we are divided into camps of liberal and conservative, Republican and Democrat, and are critical of those with whom we disagree. Help us to express to each other the grace we have received in being reconciled to You. May our efforts to reach out to each other be a way of telling You how much we love You. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable DEBBIE STABENOW led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, December 4, 2001.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable DEBBIE STABENOW, a Senator from the State of Michigan, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Ms. STABENOW thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader is recognized.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Madam President, this morning the Senate will consider the Transportation conference report under a 60-minute time agreement. A vote on the conference report will occur today. At approximately 10:30, the Senate will resume consideration of the Railroad Retirement Act with the Daschle substitute amendment pending under postcloture conditions. There will be rollcall votes on amendments to the Railroad Retirement Act during today's session.

The Senate will recess from 12:30 to 2:15 p.m. for the weekly party conferences.

On behalf of the majority leader, I have been asked to tell everyone we appreciate the cooperation yesterday. We are moving along on the legislation. There are just a few things left we have to do before we leave for the Christmas break.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

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